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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 18, 2000

SUBJ: General Notice Schedule Update

Beede Waste Oil Superfund Site (Site) - Plaistow, New Hampshire

FROM: The Beede Enforcement Case Team

TO: Interested Parties

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to evaluate waste transaction information to compile a list of potentially responsible parties (PRPs). EPA had anticipated sending General Notice (GN) letters to more than 2,000 PRPs, informing them of their potential liability at the Site, by the end of this Summer. It now appears that additional time is necessary to fully prepare for GN distribution.

EPA sends GN to parties who generated waste that went to or transported waste to, or owned or operated, a Superfund site. However, distribution of GN to thousands of parties responsible for waste disposal activities at a single Superfund site is a time consuming process. EPA wants to be confident that the information used to make PRP determinations is accurate and that the Region has considered the full range of EPA's policies and administrative reforms. These administrative reforms are an important aspect of the Superfund enforcement program and aim to minimize transaction costs and provide equity. EPA has actively incorporated these reforms into the enforcement strategy for the case. However, the Region is taking additional time to review the PRP information to ensure that the reforms are being utilized to the maximum extent possible.

EPA will distribute a newsletter explaining the GN process once a more certain schedule has been established. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact the Beede Enforcement Hotline toll-free at (888) 294-6981 or locally at (617) 737-1512.